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## **LODI ELECTRIC UTILITY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**

SACRAMENTO, May 18, 2015—The City of Lodi’s Electric Utility is one of 191 of the nation’s more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup>)<sup>1</sup> designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Kenneth Stone, energy services and accounting manager at Braintree Electric Light Department of Braintree, Mass., and executive committee member of APPA’s RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> Review Panel, presented the designees on May 18 during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in Sacramento, California.

The RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. The RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> designation now lasts for three years (up from two), so the 97 utilities that earned the designation this year join the 94 that received it last year for a total of 191.

“Utilities that have earned APPA’s RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> designation are implementing best practices for the industry, and are a testament to public power’s commitment to serving their community,” said Stone.

“We’re honored to receive the RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> designation,” said Elizabeth Kirkley, Electric Utility Director of Lodi’s Electric Utility. “Our utility staff puts in a lot of hard work to serve this community. RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> represents a much appreciated recognition of this hard work.”

This is the tenth year that RP<sub>3</sub><sup>®</sup> recognition has been offered. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities. It is located in Arlington, Virginia.

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